

IN THE CLAIMS:


1. (currently amended) A method for providing a value of a good to a requester, said method comprising the steps of:

storing in a database a plurality of goods including a description of each good;

assigning a policy value to at least one good stored in the database;

uploading data to a computer relating to ~~including~~ a request for a value of a good and data relating to the good, ~~to a~~ the computer configured as a calculator for calculating a value of the good;

determining using the computer to determine whether the value of the good can be calculated based on the uploaded data including determining whether the good has a policy value assigned thereto;

 ~~recognizing~~ designating the request for the value of the good as an exception request if no response is provided by the computer to the request for the value of the good;

analyzing trends among a plurality of similar exception requests;

inputting at least one new policy value for a good based on the exception request analysis;

calculating the value of the good; and

displaying the value of the good.

2. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data to a computer relating to ~~including the~~ a request comprises the step of submitting the data ~~relating to~~ including the request for a value of the good and data relating to the good to a computer via an Internet.

3. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data to a computer relating to including the a request comprises the step of submitting the data relating to including the request for a value of the good and data relating to the good to a computer via an Intranet.

4. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data comprises the step of accessing a computer configured as a server.

5. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value further comprises the step of calculating the value from one of residual value, net realizable value, orderly liquidation value and purchase option value.

6. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data to a computer relating to including the a request comprises the step of loading into the computer at least one field configured for receiving and storing a new request for a value of a good.

7. (original) A method according to Claim 6 wherein said step of loading at least one field comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for editing the new request.

8. (original) A method according to Claim 6 wherein said step of loading at least one field comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for withdrawing the request.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of recognizing designating the request as an exception request comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for receiving and storing additional information for calculating a value for the exception request.

11. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 10 wherein said step of recognizing designating the request as an exception request comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for storing and submitting the exception request and informing an analyst of the existence of the exception request.

12. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of ~~recognizing~~ designating the request as an exception request comprises the step of ~~recognizing~~ analyzing trends in similar exception requests.

13. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 12 wherein said step of ~~recognizing~~ analyzing trends in similar exception requests comprises the step of triggering an analyst to add additional policy values.

14. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data to a computer comprises the step of uploading data to a computer ~~relating to~~ including a request for a value of equipment and data relating to the equipment, ~~to a~~ the computer configured as a calculator for calculating the value of the equipment.

15. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data to a computer comprises the step of uploading lease information to a computer, ~~to a~~ the computer configured as a calculator for calculating a value of the equipment.

16. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data to a computer further comprises the step of receiving data relating to at least one residual factor.

17. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of receiving and saving profile information of a new user.

18. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for receiving a comment with a request.

19. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of updating matrix values.

20. (original) A method according to Claim 19 wherein said step of updating matrix values comprises the step of updating the matrix values from one of policy value, value stream and cell value.

21. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises a step of loading at least one field configured for receiving, storing and deleting information relating to a new good.

22. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value further comprises the step of calculating the value using at least one input policy value and input changes for calculating the value.

23. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value further comprises the step of querying existing requests.

24. (original) A method according to Claim 23 wherein said step of querying existing requests further comprises the step of querying predefined or customized requests.

25. (original) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said step of querying customized requests further comprises the step of receiving criteria data for the customized request.

26. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 5 wherein said step of calculating the residual value of the good further comprises a step of calculating the residual value as using at least one of:

$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{base value modifiers}) * \text{residual value look up}) *$$

depreciation value look up,

$[\text{cost} * \text{residual value look up}]$ and

$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{residual value look up}]$

for a lease term.

27. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 5 wherein said step of calculating the net realizable value of the good comprises the step of calculating the net realizable value as using at least one of:

$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{ base value modifiers}) * \text{net realizable value look up}) * \text{depreciation}$$

value look up,

$$[\text{cost} * \text{net realizable value lookup}] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{net realizable value look up}]$$

for a lease term.

28. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 5 wherein said step of calculating the purchase option value of a good comprises the step of calculating the purchase option value as using at least one of:

$$[\text{residual value} + ((\text{cost}/\text{quantity}) * \text{purchase option value look up})] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{residual value} + (\text{cost} * \text{purchase option value look up})]$$

for a lease term.

29. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value comprises the step of cloning an existing request.

30. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of uploading profile information to be received and stored.

31. (original) A method according to Claim 30 wherein said step of uploading profile information further comprises the step of uploading profile information from one of personal data, login information, password information, role information, organization information and preferences.

32. (original) A method according to Claim 30 wherein said step of uploading profile information further comprises the step of analyzing the profile information.

33. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying the value further comprises the step of displaying the value within a summary report.

34. (currently amended) A system for providing a value of a good to a requester, said system comprising:

at least one computer;

a database for storing a plurality of goods including a description of each good and whether a policy value has been assigned to the good;

a server coupled to said database and configured to read input data ~~relating to~~ including a request for a value of the good and data relating to the good, said server further configured to determine whether the value of the good can be calculated based on the inputted data including determining whether the good has a policy value assigned thereto, recognize the request for the value of the good as an exception request if no response is provided by the system to the request for the value of the good, analyze trends among a plurality of similar exception requests, receive at least one new policy value for a good based on the exception request analysis, and calculate the value of the good;

E1 a network connecting said server to said computer; and

a user interface allowing a requester to input data relating to a request for the value of the good and data relating to the good and receive the value of the good output.

35. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to allow the requester to submit data relating to the request and data relating to the good via the Internet.

36. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to allow the requester to submit data relating to the request and data relating to the good via an Intranet.

37. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said network is one of a wide area network and a local area network.

38. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to calculate one of a residual value, net realizable value, purchase option value and an orderly liquidation value.

39. (currently amended) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to read input data ~~relating to~~ including a request for the value of equipment and data relating to the equipment and calculate the value of equipment.

40. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to read input data relating to lease information.

41. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for receiving and storing a new request for a value of the good.

42. (original) A system according to Claim 41 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for editing the new request.

43. (original) A system according to Claim 41 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for withdrawing the request.

44. (cancelled)

E1 45. (currently amended) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured to store ~~and submit~~ the exception request, ~~and to~~ inform an analyst of the existence of the exception request, and submit the exception request to the analyst for further analysis.

46. (previously presented) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured for receiving and storing additional information for calculating the value for the exception request.

47. (previously presented) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured for recognizing trends in similar exception requests.

48. (original) A system according to Claim 47 wherein said server is configured for triggering an analyst to add additional policy values.

49. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to calculate the value of the good using at least one input policy value and input changes for calculating the value.

50. (currently amended) A system according to Claim 38 wherein said server is configured to calculate the residual value as using at least one of:

$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{ base value modifiers}) * \text{residual value look up}) *$$

depreciation value look up,

$$[\text{cost} * \text{residual value look up}] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{residual value look up}]$$

for a lease term.

51. (currently amended) A system according to Claim 38 wherein said server is configured to calculate the net realizable value of the good as using at least one of:

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$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{ base value modifiers}) * \text{net realizable value look up}) * \text{depreciation}$$

value look up,

$$[\text{cost} * \text{net realizable value look up}] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{net realizable value look up}]$$

for a lease term.

52. (currently amended) A system according to Claim 38 wherein said server is configured to calculate the purchase value as using at least one of:

$$[\text{residual value} + ((\text{cost}/\text{quantity}) * \text{purchase option adder matrix value look up})] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{residual value} + (\text{cost} * \text{purchase option value look up})]$$

for a lease term.

53. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured for cloning an existing request.

54. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured to query existing requests.

55. (original) A system according to Claim 54 wherein said server is configured to query existing predefined or customized requests.

56. (original) A system according to Claim 55 wherein said server is further configured to upload criteria data for the customized requests.

57. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with fields for receiving and storing at least one residual factor.

58. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for receiving and storing profile information.

59. (original) A system according to Claim 58 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for receiving and storing profile information selected from one of personal data, login information, password information, role information, organization information and preferences.

60. (original) A system according to Claim 58 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for analyzing the profile information.

61. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured for receiving comments with the request.

62. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured to allow updating of matrix values.

63. (once amended) A system according to Claim 62 wherein said interface is further configured to allow updating of matrix values from one of policy value, value stream and cell value.

64. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with fields for receiving, storing and deleting information relating to a new good.

65. (original) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured for displaying the value of the good within a summary report.

66. (currently amended) A method for providing a value of a good to a requester, the method comprising the steps of:

storing in a database a plurality of goods including a description of each good;

assigning a policy value to at least one good stored in the database;

uploading data to a computer ~~relating to~~ including a request for a value of a good and data relating to the good, ~~to a~~ the computer configured as a calculator;

determining using the computer to determine whether the value of the good can be calculated based on the uploaded data including determining whether the good has a policy value assigned thereto;

calculating the value of the good if the value can be calculated based on the uploaded data;

~~recognizing~~ designating the request for the value of the good as an exception request if the value cannot be calculated based on the uploaded data and then prompting the requester to provide additional information relating to the good;

researching by an analyst the value of the good based on the uploaded data and the additional information;

calculating the value of the good based on the research performed by the analyst;

analyzing trends among a plurality of similar exception requests; and

inputting at least one new policy value for a good based on the exception request analysis.

67. (previously presented) A method for providing a value of a good to a requester, said method comprising the steps of:

uploading data relating to a request for a value of a good and data relating to the good to a computer configured as a calculator for calculating a value of the good;

E1 recognizing the request for the value of the good as an exception request if no response is provided to the request for the value of the good;

analyzing trends among similar exception requests; and

inputting a new policy value for a good based on the exception request analysis to facilitate subsequent valuations of similar goods.
